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Evaluation Services to Continue in Michigan

In September, the Broad Foundation announced a new partnership with Standard & Poor's to provide school evaluation services to all fifty states. This new partnership will allow a continuation of certain services in Michigan, including:

- The assembly, aggregation, tabulation, and analysis of Michigan's K-12 data;
- Independent, written analytical reports regarding each school district in the state;
- A statewide independent, written analytical report that will focus on state data collection issues.

The Broad Foundation has an agreement with Standard and Poor's School Evaluation Services (S&P SES) to deliver services from fall 2003 through fall 2005.

Fall 2002 Pupil Headcount Data Available

New data regarding pupil headcounts have been posted to the CEPI Web site in the "Download Data" section. For the first time, these pupil headcount data contain two new race/ethnicity codes (Hawaiian and Multiracial) and are posted by county. The data are also available at the building, district, intermediate school district and state levels. These new data were collected during the 2002-2003 school year via the state's Single Record Student Database and are the most recent data available. Previously, these data were collected in the aggregate via the state's legacy data system. Pupil headcount data are used to calculate the state's graduation and dropout rates each year.

State to Release MI Plan in December

The state of Michigan is preparing to launch a new Web-based tool that will help principals and their school improvement teams. The new tool is called MI Plan and is the first state-provided mechanism for streamlining a school's improvement planning process. MI Plan can also generate reports required by Public Act 25 and the federal *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*. MI Plan uses data compiled by districts and submitted to CEPI. More information about MI Plan is available on CEPI's Web site at www.michigan.gov/cepi (look at "What's New").

State Testing New Financial Database

Pilot testing with select districts for the state's new Financial Information Database (FID) is underway, with all districts having the ability to test their FID data submissions in spring 2004. The FID has been designed to allow the upload of a district's financial information via one application, saving district staff members considerable time with the data submission process. All districts must be in compliance with the Michigan Public School Accounting Manual Chart of Accounts to submit their data via the FID.

Did You Know....

School districts reported 95,001 regular diploma recipients for the Class of 2002. Fifty-three percent of these students indicated plans to enroll in a two- or four-year college. More females (48,596) than males (46,405) were reported to receive regular diplomas.

Coming Up... December 12

Registry of Educational Personnel data due to CEPI

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